

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

These regulations amend specific provisions and adopt new language in the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) that regulate Special Needs of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Homeless Assistance Program (HAP).

Assembly Bill (AB) 1808, Section 31.1 and 31.2 (Chapter 75, Statutes of 2006) amended the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program. Under the new provisions, the total maximum daily rate for the temporary HA is increased from \$40 per day to \$65 per day for families of four or fewer and \$15 per day for each additional family member up to a maximum of \$125 daily. The rent threshold for permanent HA is changed from 80 percent of the maximum aid payment level to 80 percent of the total monthly household income (TMHI). Homelessness criteria is expanded to include families who receive a notice to pay rent or quit. Permanent HA is available to pay up to two months of rent arrearages to prevent eviction. Each month of the rent arrearage payment shall not exceed 80 percent of the TMHI.

Public comment was received as a result of the public hearing and the following changes have been made:

Section 44-211.533 (a)(1) is being amended to clarify the AU's responsibilities in providing documentation of proof of proposed or pending eviction.

Section 44-211.533(a)(2) is being amended to require the AU to provide proof that the eviction is a result of financial hardship and not for other lease or rental violations.

Section 44-211.533(b)(1) is being amended to clarify examples of expenses that may cause the AU to experience financial hardship.

Section 44-211.533(b)(2) is amended to clarify examples of financial hardship not considered extraordinary circumstance for an AU.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.8, a 15-day renote and complete text of modifications made to the regulations were made available to the public following the public hearing. No written testimony on the modifications renoted for public comment from February 5, 2010 to February 22, 2010 was received.